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William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: Ex Parte Submission
Establishment of Rules and Policies for the Satellite Digital Audio
Radio Service in the 2310-2360 MHz Band, IB Docket No. 95-91*

Dear Mr. Caton:

Yesterday, Greg Rohde, of E-Copernicus.com, a consultant to BellSouth Corporation, and the undersigned met with Peter Tenhula of Chairman Powell's Office to discuss previous filings by BellSouth and the WCS Coalition concerning the impact of blanketing interference and intermodulation distortion from SDARS terrestrial repeaters to WCS operations.

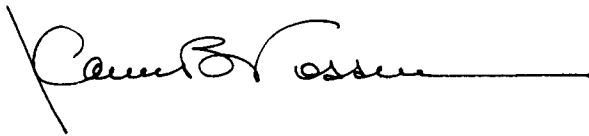
Specifically, BellSouth rebutted SDARS assertions that WCS CPE can eliminate SDARS interference through the use of AGC and filters. BellSouth reiterated that, contrary to SDARS assertions, WCS equipment already incorporates AGC and filters, but the higher power transmitted by SDARS is too great for these methods to be effective. In addition, the close proximity of the two services greatly reduces the effectiveness of these components. This is particularly true with respect to the "C" and "D" blocks of the WCS band, the blocks in closest proximity to SDARS. Even if SDARS terrestrial repeaters were capped at 9 kW, instead of 40 kW, the interference from those repeaters would cover a radius of approximately 4 to 5 miles around each DARS repeater. According to information in the record, the SDARS licensees have deployed 16 such repeaters in the Atlanta area alone.

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BellSouth also discussed the results of its wireless Internet trial in Houma, Louisiana and, based on the success of that trial, noted plans to conduct two additional trials in the near future. BellSouth urged the Commission to resolve the WCS-SDARS dispute in a way that permits it to proceed with these trials and use its WCS spectrum to provide service to consumers in an environment free from debilitating interference.

Please refer any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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